UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

January 31, 1961

CSC EMPLOYEE LETTER B-97

TO CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES

SUBJECT: INVITATION TO ATTEND THE FEDERAL WOMAN'S AWARD BANQUET

An event of unusual interest to Commission employees will be the Federal Woman's Award dinner to be held in the Presidential Room of the Statler Hilton Hotel on Friday, February 2h, 1961, at 8:00 p.m.

This is an entirely new honor for women, and awards will be presented at the banquet to six outstanding Federal career women. Barbara Bates Gunderson, who is Chairman of the Federal Woman's Award Board, had the initial idea for the awards and pushed it through to a successful conclusion.

Roger W. Jones and Commissioner Frederick J. Lawton, who were active in the Woman's Award preliminaries, will attend the banquet, as will Chairman-designate John W. Macy.

The six recipients of the award, who will be honored at the banquet, were chosen from among 74 women nominated by their agencies. Evelyn Harrison, Deputy Director, Bureau of Programs and Standards, was the Commission's nominee. The judges were former Commissioner Frances Perkins, now affiliated with Cornell University; Bruce Gould, Editorpublisher, the Ladies Home Journal; Erwin D. Canham, Editor, Christian Science Monitor; George Romney, President, American Motors Corporation; and David Brinkley, News Commentator, National Broadcasting Company.

Commissioner Gunderson will be master of ceremonies at the banquet, and most of us know the outstanding job that she does in this role. Since she will shortly take leave of us, the banquet will provide us with an opportunity to honor her. She has been one of the all-time best salesmen of the Federal merit system.

The price of the banquet tickets is \$7.50, and they are available from Fred Windbeck, Room 223 Main Building, extension 4795. Tickets must be purchased by February 21, 1961.

Warren B. Irons

Executive Director

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Mr. Emmett D. Echols Director Personnel 2430 E Street, N. W. STOP 64

January 26, 1961

Dear Mr. Echols:

I am pleased to forward tickets to you for sale within your organization for the forthcoming banquet at which the first Federal Woman s Award will be presented.

The Board of Trustees is eager to have a wide representation of persons in government attend this ceremony honoring the six distinguished women who will receive the first such award.

Would you please follow whatever procedure you have used in the past in handling tickets for the ceremonies at which the National Civil Service League and Arthur S. Flemming awards are presented?

I believe it would simplify matters if payment is made by check or money order. Please make checks payable to FEDERAL WOMAN'S AWARD BANQUET. If you need any additional tickets, they will be available, as long as the supply lasts, from Miss Barbara W. Fenton, Room 231 Pension Building, Code 129, Extension 3166. Payment for tickets purchased, and any surplus tickets should be returned to Miss Fenton no later than February 21, 1961.

Arrangements have been made to have specially designated tables for those agencies purchasing one or more tables. Tables will seat ten persons. All other ticket purchasers will be seated at remaining tables.

Since the banquet is on Friday, the menu will have a fish as well as a meat entree.

I sincerely hope you will be able to attend this banquet and that other officials from your organization will join with you.

Sincerely,

Barbara Gunderson

Commissioner

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